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For: CARBON FIBER NONWOVEN FABRIC, AND PRODUCTION METHOD AND USE THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith. Please note JP2002-285457 was previously cited to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 9, 2006.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of an English-language version of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application (State Intellectual Property Office, P. R. China Application No. 2004/80033098.5) citing such documents indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. Furthermore, an English-language abstract of Japanese Published Application No. 2002-327355, which corresponds to cited CN 1373245A, is submitted herewith.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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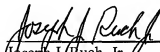
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